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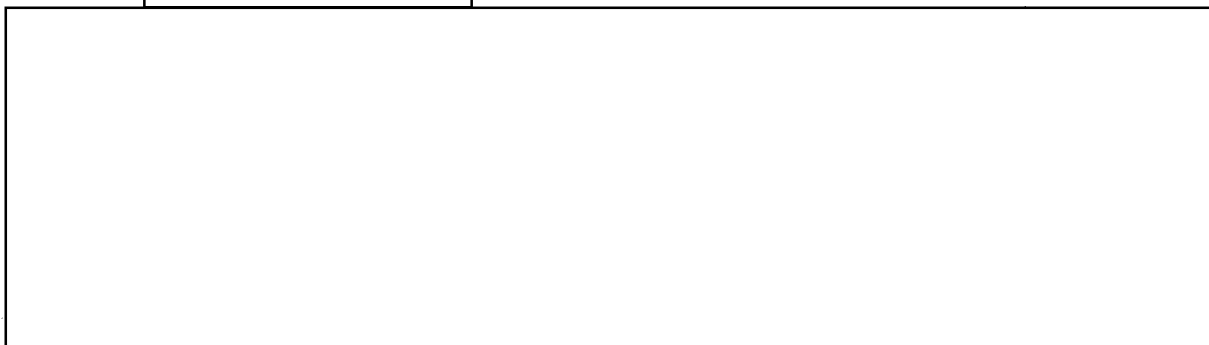
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1. Quach Ham, President of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of the Hoa Binh area resigned and Bach Dang Thi, former President of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of Hung Yen, was asked to succeed Ham. However, Thi refused the job in order to continue teaching.
2. To counteract the French effort in the Hoa Binh area, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) is currently pursuing the following policy:
 - a. During the French advance on Hoa Binh the DRV removed Dinh Cong Niet¹ from the command of the Hoa Binh Regiment of the regular army. Considering him to be "unconcerned", the DRV demoted Niet to battalion commander.
 - b. The DRV has appointed Dinh Cong Hau to be Vice President of the Hoa Binh Administrative and Resistance Committee and Provincial Delegate of the Communist Party of Indochina (PCI).
 - c. The DRV has assigned can-bo members from Interzone III to the Hoa Binh area to spread anti-French propaganda. However, many of these can-bo die from malaria and other causes.
3. Quach Ham sought French authorization to create an autonomous Muong force. When the French retook Hoa Binh, Quach Ham requested a subordinate, Tho Long, to lead the Muongs into Hoa Binh. As a consequence, about 2,000 Muongs have settled around Hoa Binh city and are beginning to establish market places.
4. DRV truck drivers using Route 12 between Hoa Binh and Phu Tho Quan and Route 59 between Phu Tho Quan and Kim Tan near Thanh Hoa use vehicles of the Public Works section as well as jeeps assigned to Dang Kim Giang, Deputy Chief of the Military Supply Bureau of Interzones III and IV, and to Le Thanh Nghi,² President of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of Interzone III. In October 1951 the General Supply Organization provided Interzone III with over 50 light trucks, and the Bureau of Transportation recruited over 300 people to be trained as drivers. About 10 of these light trucks are now operating on Routes 12 and 59.

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14 and 152 Regiments.

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25X1A 2. [] Comment. Nguyen Van Tran has also been reported as
Chairman of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of
Interzone III.

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